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Decorated by MacArthur



Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported to the War Department that he had personally decorated the generals who led the American-Filipino forces on the northern and southern fronts prior to the withdrawal to Batuan. They are Maj. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright (left) and Brig. Gen. Albert M. Jones (right). Both got the Distinguished Service Cross. (Central Press)

Senators Propose Deferment Of Men For Work On Farm

Norris and Nye Lead Movement for National Policy of Deferment to Counteract Growing Threat of Farm Labor Shortage.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Adoption of a national policy for the deferment of military service for essential farm labor was proposed today by Senators Norris, Independent, Nebraska, and Nye, Republican, North Dakota, who said a growing shortage of agricultural workers threatened to curtail the nation's food supply.

Norris suggested that the selective service system adopt general rules which would impel local draft boards to defer men whose services were necessary to maintain farm output. He said the lack of a fixed policy of this nature had resulted in the induction into the Army of many men whose contribution to the war effort would have been much greater if they had remained on the farm.

"I know these farm boys," he told reporters, "and most of them want to fight. You can't depend on their asking for deferment and we ought to have a national policy which local boards could follow closely in determining whether the agricultural workers should be drafted or should remain on the farm."

Solons Hear From Home

Avalanche of Letters Opposes Pensions for Congressmen; Repealers Offered.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—An avalanche of letters from back home, the like of which hasn't been seen on Capitol Hill since the days of neutrality repeal, put the pressure of voters behind a growing movement for repeal of the new law setting up pensions for congressmen.

Following quickly on the heels of the derisive "bundles for Congress" movement, the outpouring of letters apparently was having noticeable results with some legislators.

Chairman Ramspeck, Democrat, Georgia, of the House civil service committee, told reporters that upwards of a dozen bills seeking repeal of the pension act already have been referred to his committee, but in-

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Housing Units To Be Built

Raleigh, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Immediate construction of 270 permanent housing units in the New Bern-Morris City area has been approved by President Roosevelt, the information office of O.E.M. announced today.

The housing will be financed by public funds. The new homes will be used by families of civilian industrial workers with incomes ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,050. They are to be constructed by the Navy under authorization of the federal works agency, with Colonel T. J. Cushman, commander of Cunningham Field, in charge.

No Money For Artists

House Serves Notice on Dancers and Movie Actors That They Aren't Wanted.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Dancing Maysie Chaney and Hollywood's Melvyn Douglas have it straight from the House of Representatives that they aren't wanted in the civilian defense setup unless they serve as volunteers without pay.

And the office of civilian defense has been cautioned that any trails and fancies will be subject to congressional investigation.

That is how the House wound up the first act of the wartime controversy over the place of the arts in air raid precautions. It approved and sent to the Senate late yesterday a \$100,000,000 appropriation for gas masks, fire fighting and other equipment.

But the appropriation carried a strict prohibition against employment of movie actors and dancers.

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Enemy Aliens Under Arrest

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 10.—Six German waiters and an Italian baker employed at White Sulphur Springs, internment point for its diplomats and newspaper men, were brought here today under arrest as "dangerous enemy aliens."

Field Agent R. J. Untreiner of the Huntington FBI refused to comment on whether the prisoners had been arrested because of dealings with the interned officials.

Untreiner said the men would be taken to immigration and naturalization authorities in Cincinnati.

Some 500 German and Italian diplomats and newspaper men, with their families, were interned at fashionable White Sulphur Springs shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Singapore's Fall Near Peace Feelers Being Sent Out

Move Based On Business Conditions

International Cartel of French and German Industrialists Foster Peace Trial Balloons; Hitler Approves Campaign.

London, Feb. 10.—(AP)—An international cartel of French and German industrialists was reliably reported today to have started organizing a new campaign for a negotiated peace between Germany and the United Nations on business grounds.

These international industrialists, a qualified source said, argued that Japanese conquests in the Pacific with acquisition already of territories rich in natural resources and raw material have put Japan in a position to seize and dominate world markets if the western powers persist in fighting the war to an end.

The industrialists were reportedly pointing a campaign particularly toward the United States, with emphasis on the dangers of adding access to raw material to Japan's cheap labor supply.

They are seeking intervention by bankers and manufacturers of other warring nations in the west to permit westerners to return to a peacetime economy before the Japanese "get an upper hand in world markets."

This source said Adolf Hitler regards the campaign with benign interest, because he feels that the worst it can do would be to retard war production of his enemies and dampen the ardor of United States manufacturers who have been sensitive to the "yellow peril."

The new peace move recalled earlier feelers aimed at a separate armistice with Russia when the Soviets were retreating last fall. The Russians flatly rejected the suggestions last October 11.

Observers pointed out that the last peace trial balloon was carefully timed to take full advantage of the natural feeling of gloom in allied countries over Pacific area reverses.

Beaverbrook's Post Outlined

London, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons today that Lord Beaverbrook, Britain's newly appointed minister of production, will represent Britain in various pooling arrangements with the United States in a capacity corresponding to that of Donald M. Nelson, head of America's war production board.

Churchill said that in the new post, to which he was shifted from the ministry of supply, Beaverbrook would exercise general supervision over supply departments and shipping and would "coordinate and coordinate all their actions."

FLIER DESCRIBED AS HITLER ADMIRER

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—A federal court jury was told today that Laura Ingalls, noted American flier charged with failing to register as a nazi agent, described Adolf Hitler as "a man to be admired" and said that "it would be better if we had more men like him in this country."

Gloria Tucker, chamber of commerce hostess at Stockton, Cal., related that Miss Ingalls made the statement in April, 1940. She said Miss Ingalls "gloried in headlines proclaiming Hitler's victories."

Two FBI agents told of finding evidence that Miss Ingalls received money from Baron Ulrich von Guentow, second secretary of the German embassy, in 1941.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Occasional light rain tonight, probably mixed with snow in extreme north portion and mountains, slightly higher temperatures in east and central portions; colder in mountains by early morning.

Normandie Burns and Sinks at Pier



The former French liner Normandie, which had been taken over by the United States government and was being re-fitted for use as a naval auxiliary, was sunk at a pier in the Hudson river at New York. Navy officials planned to send a tug to determine what might be done with the ship, and plans for salvage attempts have not been announced, it was said. There is no evidence of sabotage as cause of the fire, Navy officers declared.

Normandie Sinks After Fire

French Aid Is Charged

British Spokesman Declares Supplies Reaching Axis Forces From Tunisia.

London, Feb. 10.—(AP)—An official spokesman said today deliveries of food and gasoline had been reaching axis troops from Tunisia, French North Africa, but he was "not yet in a position to say whether these were consigned from French North Africa or from metropolitan France."

"The government," he said, "takes a most serious view of this assistance to the enemy by the Vichy authorities in North Africa and is in urgent consultation with the government of the United States, who has already made inquiry at Vichy on this matter."

This official assertion that Vichy was aiding the axis in North Africa, at least by granting transit rights from Tunisia to Libya, rebuffed previous charges in the British press which Vichy has denied.

He said deliveries included automobiles, trucks, wheat, wine, olive oil, gasoline and aviation fuel.

India, China Join In War

Fuller Collaboration of Two Nations Expected as Result of Chiang's Visit.

New Delhi, India, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Fuller collaboration in the United Nations' cause by the 850,000,000 inhabitants of China and India—one-third of the earth's population—apparently was taking form today through the visit here of Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

What specific mission brought China's war leader and the United Nations supreme commander in the China war theater here with his staff to confer with Indian officials was not disclosed.

Lord Linlithgow, viceroy of India, however, said the meeting set the seal on the comradeship in arms of China and India and that Japan would learn to her sorrow that it "bodes our enemy no good."

Apart from this key post in the United Nations' high command, Chiang has tremendous stakes in the defense of Burma and India against the Japanese invaders driving toward Rangoon from Thailand.

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Dies Group Is Opposed

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Witnesses asked the House rules committee today to block legislation to continue the Dies committee on the ground that its investigations "hinder our national effort."

The Rev. Charles C. Webber, representative of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, New York, said that the committee, inquiring into subversive activities, had not produced any legislation, had served "only to arouse prejudices" and had "gained nothing for national defense by arousing fears."

"I am firmly convinced," Webber said, "that continuance of the Dies committee is going to hinder our national effort. I believe that federal, state, county and municipal officers and the Army and Navy intelligence are fully equipped to meet any subversive activities."

Reds Take Much Ground

Soviet Sources Report 80 Cities and More Than 4,800 Towns Recaptured.

(By The Associated Press.) Russia's armies, driving forward through gate-whipped snowstorms, reported today they had liberated 80 cities and more than 4,800 towns and villages in the past ten weeks, and declared that the Germans had lost 10,000 men in the Crimean battle of Sevastopol alone.

Soviet dispatches said the Red army was capturing heavy new guns in the Dnieper river industrial basin in the Ukraine, and in the drive against Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow.

Adolf Hitler, from headquarters, acknowledged the Russians were also smashing in "heavy, massed assaults" against German lines between Leningrad but asserted they had been driven back.

On 11 north African front, British headquarters reported little change in the situation, with imperial patrols active on a line from Tmimi to El Mechili, 50 miles west of Tobruk.

At sea, the German high command declared nazi bombers attacking strongly protected British convoy off the Egyptian coast, scored hits on a light cruiser, a destroyer and two big transports, inflicting such heavy damage that some were "presumed lost."

The Berlin radio said German U-boats operating in the Atlantic had sunk eight more merchant ships totaling 50,500 tons and a corvette. Six of the victims were listed as sunk off the North Atlantic coast.

Salvage Possible

Fire Set by Spark From Welder's Torch Guts \$60,000,000 Former French Liner.

New York, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Like a great wounded monster, but somehow majestic still, the fire-scared and water-logged former French liner Normandie succumbed to the surging tide today and toppled to ignominious rest in Hudson river mud.

Ravaged by flames, a gaping hole cut in her hull in a vain attempt to counteract pressure of the incoming tide, the \$60,000,000 vessel rolled over at 2:45 a. m. TWT and now lies on her port side in 10 feet of water along-side her pier.

The Navy, however, has not abandoned hope of still using the one-time blue ribbon liner. Quoted on reports that she was beyond salvage, the public relations officers of the third naval district stated:

"The Navy supports no such contention at this time."

As fire boats continued to throw streams of water, water still burning, the naval official promised to meet later in the day to determine what to do with her.

Touched off by sparks from a welder's torch, flames raged through the naval yard for three and a half hours, yesterday, before they were brought under control by every available piece of land and sea fire fighting equipment in Manhattan.

"I don't believe the fire was caused by sabotage," Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, commander of the third naval district, said. "There was nothing to indicate it."

Law Proposed To Bolster Farm Prices

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—In a move to raise present prices of cotton, wheat and corn, the Senate agriculture committee today approved unanimously legislation that would prevent sales of government stocks below parity prices.

Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, reported the unanimous action on a bill offered by him and Senators Gillette, Democrat, Iowa, Russell, Democrat, Georgia, and Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma.

"This would prevent the government and its officials from using surplus stocks now held by the commodity credit corporation to break the price by dumping them on the market," Bankhead told reporters after the closed committee session.

Jap Forces Drive Into City Itself

Defenders of Beleaguered British Stronghold Fight On in What Appears to be Dying Hours of Struggle; Radio Silent.

(By The Associated Press)

Swarming Japanese drove back British imperial troops on Singapore Island today and fighting raged in or near the smoke-blackened, beleaguered city of Singapore, itself, as the defenders fought on in what appeared to be the dying hours of the struggle for Britain's last stronghold in the Far East.

Informed quarters in London said it was possible the Japanese had infiltrated into Singapore City itself and attacked the radio station there.

The station suddenly blanked out this morning.

Dispatches from the beleaguered city said that the din of battle intensified after dawn and that a great black pall of smoke hung over the scene of titanic Japanese planes flew low over Singapore's outskirts, and residents heard the whine of machine gun bullets.

In the Philippines, a War department bulletin said, General Douglas MacArthur's defender forces had shot down seven Japanese planes in the last 24 hours while battling against increasingly heavy odds in the critical land fighting on the Bataan peninsula. Altogether, 163 Japanese planes had been destroyed since the outbreak of the Philippine conflict.

The communiqué said five Japanese divisions—perhaps 100,000 troops—had been identified on the peninsula in addition to "many other scattering troops" and fresh reinforcements landing in the Lingayen gulf area, 100 miles north of Manila.

While the fate of Singapore hung in desperate balance, heartening word came that the vanguard of a U. S. naval force had arrived at Wellington, New Zealand, and that other American reinforcements had landed at "many stations along the route" from Pearl Harbor. This news came from a correspondent with the expedition.

Artillery rumbled heavily from the west, while the pre-dawn skies were red with the glow of burning oil tanks.

Tokyo dispatches broadcast by the Italian radio said Japanese assault forces had driven within five miles of the downtown heart of Singapore City.

A Berlin broadcast said the Japanese commander, General Tomoyuki Yamashita, sent a message this morning to the British commander in chief, Lieutenant General A. E. Percival, demanding the surrender of Singapore.

Domei official Japanese news agency said in front line dispatches that Japanese engineers had repaired the 3,000-foot Johore Strait causeway, which the British had breached, and that Japanese troops and supplies were pouring over the span.

There was no sign of the magnitude of the disaster Singapore's fall would inflict on the United Nations, it would.

1. Gravely endangered all allied bases between the Suez canal, Egypt, and Pearl Harbor, Honolulu.

2. Free Japan's powerful Malayan bases for attacks on Java, Burma and even Australia.

3. Deal a blow to United Nations manpower in the southwest Pacific, unless the more than 60,000 British troops now bogged in battle on Singapore Island could be evacuated—an almost impossible feat.

4. Give Japan a free passage to the Indian ocean and the Bay of Bengal.

Even as Singapore's fateful hour approached, the Japanese invasion horde were already striking new blows in the Dutch Indies and toward Australia.

A bulletin from NEI headquarters said Japanese troops, launching their sixth attack on a key point in the Indies, had landed in the vicinity of Macassar, chief port of the southwest coast of Celebes island, 300 miles

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